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### RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS **UNDER 35 USC 371**

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In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements mailed April 24, 2006, Applicants submit the attached 1) Declaration executed by the inventors in the referenced application; 2) executed Power of Attorney; 3) copy of the Notice of Missing Requirements; and 4) \$130.00 check to cover the surcharge for late filing of the Oath.

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# NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/13/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/13/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/13/2006
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 01/13/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/13/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/13/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 01/13/2006
- Specification filed on 01/13/2006
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

• Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office; must be dailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR ):5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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